

TTMCLS – Things That Make Christians Look Stupid – Mr. Hinton’s article on Beetles

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One of the series of articles on Creation Science Evangelism website (the “Hovind” site) is creatively titled “Things that make evolutionists look stupid” (TTMELS for short). The subtitle then goes on to introduce the topic for the article. The article we shall consider in this commentary is "Beetles". ¹

Beetles

Hinton tells about the Bombadier Beetle, which has long been touted by young earth creationists as proof against evolution. This article is different from the other articles in this series, as Hinton actually throws in some scientific facts (the makeup of the beetle). Even so, there are two ways to look at this article.

First, for progressive creationists...since we believe that God created all lifeforms from nothing that was previously existing (just like the young earthers), this beetle presents no problems.

Second, for theistic evolutionists, despite the ramblings of Hinton, evolution does have answers for the beetle. Rather than repeat them here, you can read it at <http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/bombardier.html>. In short, evolution has a valid explanation for the evolution of the bombardier beetle...a much better explanation than the one Hinton fumbles around with in his article (of course, he is trying to make the evolution answer look stupid...but he is only showing his ignorance of evolution's explanation).

In the middle of his tirade, Hinton says, This beetle is a particularly good proof that evolutionists are stupid. They only stutter or babble irrelevantly when presented with this example

As before, if we are to win evolutionists to salvation in Christ, calling them stupid is not the way to do it...this only serves to drive them further away from the Gospel. And contrary to Hinton's statement, you can see in the link above that evolutionists do not "stutter or babble irrelevantly" about the beetle. Yes, an evolutionist who has never studied the beetle would be blindsided by such an assault by a creationist. However, if they are familiar with the beetle, they see that its evolution is entirely possible.

He goes on to say,

The evolutionist not only wastes his time with nonsense, but with nonsense that would have no value to anyone even if it were true.

Now, not only does he call evolutionists stupid, he says they are wasting their time (even if evolution were true). Hinton surely knows how to convince the evolutionist of their need for our Savior.

Conclusion

Just like the other articles in this series, it calls evolutionists "stupid." If we are to love the unsaved, and win them for Christ, calling them "stupid" is not the proper way to do it. This will turn more away from the Gospel, and harden their hearts. Driving them away from the Gospel is working against Christ. Hinton appears to be working against Christ.

¹ www.drdino.com/articles.php?spec=92